

previously entered Rule 26(e) protective order.

(c) ***Motion to Seal or Otherwise Restrict Public Access.*** A party's request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation "Motion to Seal." The motion must set forth:

- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

LCvR 6.1. It appears that the requirements of LCvR 6.1(c)(1) through (4) have been adequately met.

By the instant motion, Defendants Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. ("Merrill Lynch") and Bank of America Corporation ("Bank of America") (together, "Defendants") seek to file an unredacted version of "Defendants' Reply In Support Of Their Motion For Summary Judgment" (Document No. 60) under seal. (Document No. 59). Defendants contend this filing includes "confidential compensation information" that should be sealed. Id.

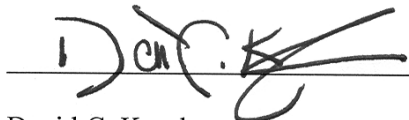
Having considered the factors provided in LCvR 6.1(c), the Court will grant the motion to seal. Noting that the time for public response has not run to this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order from non-parties as an objection to the motion, requiring no additional burden for any non-party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Local Rule 6.1(e).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that "Defendants' Unopposed Motion To File Certain Information In Their Reply In Support Of Their Motion For Summary Judgment Under Seal"

(Document No. 59) is **GRANTED**. Document No. 60 shall remain under **SEAL** until otherwise ordered by this Court.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: December 31, 2024



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

